



said support layer being promoted, and/or at a relative humidity of at least 30%, absorbing of moisture or solving in water of said support layer being promoted for exposing said skin-protective ingredient containing layer to skin of the wearer for permitting transfer of said skin-protective ingredient to skin of the wearer.

At least the above bolded feature in claim 1 and similarly in other independent claims are not disclosed, taught, or suggested by the cited prior art reference. For at least this reason, claims 1 and 8-10 are not anticipated by Ehrnsperger.

Furthermore, claims 2-4, 6, 7, and 11 are not anticipated by the cited prior art reference for at least the same reason as their base claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ehrnsperger et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Roe et al.

Neither Ehrnsperger nor Roe discloses, teaches, or suggests at least the bolded feature as shown above. Particularly, neither of the references discloses a skin-protective ingredient containing layer applied in a stripe, dot, or lattice pattern on one surface of said top sheet as set forth in claim 1. Therefore, claims 4 and 5 which depend from claim 1 indirectly are not obvious from the cited prior references.

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